

A Merry Christmas

— briefs —

Two Bank Robbers Get Three Years

Two youths from Miami, Fla., who tried to rob a bank on a U. S. Army post here were sentenced yesterday to three years each in jail by Federal Judge David N. Edelstein.

The pair, Paul Goldhagen, 21, and Stuart Deutch, 22, were captured less than 20 seconds after they tried to hold up the Fort Jay branch of the Manufacturers Trust Co. on Governors Island, Nov. 27.

Dulles Says U.S. Will Hold Pacific Islands

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary of state John Foster Dulles formally declared today that Okinawa and other Pacific Islands taken from Japan during World War II will remain in the custody of the U. S. "for the foreseeable future."

Recount Ousts GOP Mayor in Charleston

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Dec. 24.—A long and bitter election contest ended yesterday when the State Supreme Court declared Democrat Pierce B. Maynard mayor of Williamson—18 months after his opponent took office.

In a 4-0 decision, the high court ruled that Republican Henry T. Hammond won office with the aid of six forged ballots. Hammond was ordered to "forthwith vacate" the post. Maynard will serve the remaining half of the three-year term.

The change of votes gave Maynard a margin of 1,967 to 1,961.

Viet Minh Captures French Fortified Post

HANOI, Indo-China, Dec. 24.—Viet Minh forces captured the French fortified post of Na Phao, about 225 miles south of Hanoi. French reinforcements who tried to reach the area were routed.

The French high command said the Viet Minh soldiers succeeded in crossing the Annamite mountain chain.

New Zealand Train Plunges Into River

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Dec. 24.—A railroad train filled with Christmas Eve travelers plunged from a washed out trestle into the Rangitikei River today. Many were reported trapped in the wreckage.

The number of casualties was not immediately known but hospitals within a 50-mile radius began filling with the injured.

Minneapolis Paper Still Hit by Strike

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 24.—U. S. Labor Conciliator George Wilson today awaited answers from both sides in his latest proposals before scheduling further sessions in the truck drivers' strike against the Minneapolis Star & Tribune.

Fire Kills All Six Children in Family

ELLINGTON, Mo., Dec. 24.—Six children of Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Step, who own a four-room frame house near here, perished in a blaze today that broke out from an overheated wood stove in the kitchen.

Step and his wife were burned seriously trying to get their children out of the flaming home. The victims, all sleeping in one room, were Mary Ellen, three; Ernestine, six; Irene, 8; Donald 10; Catherine 13 and Billy, 17.

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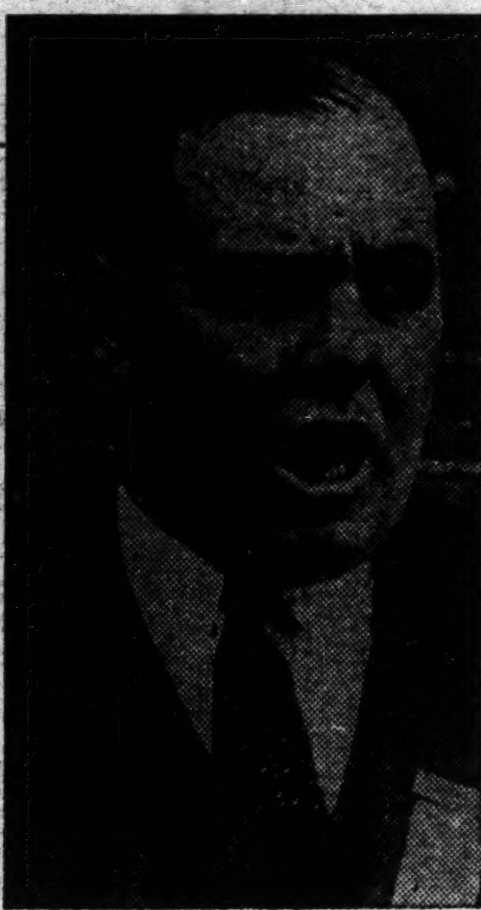
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AFL Concedes Defeat in Dock Poll; Will Protest



MEANY

The AFL, through a spokesman in Washington, yesterday conceded defeat in the collective bargaining vote for longshoremen in the Port of New York, but AFL president George Meany said the vote will be protested. The balloting Tuesday and Wednesday

gave the independent International Longshoremen's Association a margin of 1,492 over the AFL, but there were 4,405 challenges. The ballots were locked up in a bank vault. The NLRB is to rule on each individual ballot and complete the count Monday.

In conceding defeat, however, the AFL indicated that most of the challenges came from its side and there was no possibility of affecting the margin of defeat.

Tally in the two-day election showed:

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| For ILA (Ind.) | 9060 |
| For AFL-ILA | 7568 |
| For neither | 95 |
| Void ballots | 116 |
| Challenged | 4405 |

In his statement, Meany expressed satisfaction with the large vote polled by the AFL, but he charged "intimidation" and said, "we are protesting this election." He claimed the AFL did well un-

der the circumstances.

The result was also a triumph for John L. Lewis, who entered the situation in support of the ILA several days before the election.

Capt. William V. Bradley of the ILA said the strike deadline, which fell on Christmas eve at the expiration of the eighty-day Taft-Hartley injunction, will be postponed because of the indication in the balloting.

As soon as the formal certification is completed by the NLRB, it is expected the ILA and the shipowners will renew negotiations or the strike will take effect again.

LIRR Pact Ups Trainmen's Pay 5 Cents an Hour

The Long Island Railroad announced it had signed an agreement with the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen for a flat wage increase of 5 cents an hour for trainmen.

The agreement cancels the cost-of-living escalator clause and includes the current 13 cents an hour in accumulated cost-of-living increases as part of the basic rates of pay, effective Dec. 16, 1953.

It also provides an additional week's vacation for employees with 15 or more years of service. This agreement is the same as that between the Brotherhood and practically all Class I railroads in the U.S.

RAILS' NET INCOME RISES 9%; PASSENGER TRAFFIC OFF 7%

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Net income for railroads in 1953 rose an estimated 9 percent over last year to \$902,000,000, even though there was a 7 percent decline in passenger traffic and revenues.

William T. Faricy, of the Association of American Railroads, said the rate of return on the industry's net investment of \$28,000,000,000, was 4.23 percent, an increase of .07 percent over 1952.

Ohio Smith Act Defendants Out on Bail

Robert Campbell and George Watt, Ohio Smith Act victims, arrived in New York yesterday and announced that the last of the Ohio defendants, Joseph Brandt and Martin Chancey, have been freed on bail.

Campbell and Watt were released previously on \$10,000 bail each, but remained in Cleveland until their comrades had been released. Permission to travel to New York was won Tuesday.

The other Cleveland defendants, E. C. Greenfield, Dave Katz, Frieda Katz, Joseph Dougher, and Lucille Beathencourt, were released earlier on \$5,000 each. Anthony Krehmarek had been released on \$7,500 bail.

Meanwhile, Frank Hashmall, the 11th person indicted in Cleveland, remained in the Ohio State Penitentiary on a previous charge of having used a false name in order to avoid a blacklist in getting a job. He was refused bail pending his appeal.

Hearing Next Month on Ives FEPC Measure

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (FP). Sen. Irving M. Ives (R-NY) has announced that hearings on his fair employment practices bill S-692, will open the second week of January.

Top Negro Lawyers In Los Angeles Urge Clemency for Wells

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Thirty-five distinguished Negro lawyers of Los Angeles sent a plea to Gov. Goodwin J. Knight this week, urging the governor to stop the impending execution of Wesley Robert Wells, San Quentin prisoner who is scheduled to die for the crime of throwing a cup of coffee at a prison guard.

Leslie Claypool, political editor of the Los Angeles Daily News, wrote last Friday: "Superior Judge A. A. Scott of this city, who certainly is no pamperer of criminals, has written a letter to Robert Ellis stating that he believes Wells is entitled to clemency."

Claypool concluded: "A long list of distinguished citizens has written to Gov. Knight urging him

to commute Wells' sentence. In view of what appears to be the facts in this case and the noted citizens now aroused, this columnist believes the ends of justice would be served by executive clemency."

Passing resolutions and urging its members and followers to write the Governor for Wells last week were the powerful AFL Laborers Local 300 of Los Angeles and the Democratic Workshop meeting at Santa Monica's Presbyterian Conference Grounds, attended by 850 persons.

WE'RE 30 SOON, AND WE'RE ACCEPTING BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy holiday!

Amid several Xmas greetings, we received a birthday greeting yesterday, along with \$16.25 in cash from the East Midtown section of the Communist Party.

Received yesterday ----- \$195.00

Still to go ----- \$2,341.33

Send your contributions to P.O. Box 136, Cooper Station, New York City 3; or bring to 35 E. 12 St., 8th floor.

The birthday greeting, illustrated with playing cards and telling us it's in the cards this will be our best birthday yet, refers to the paper's 30th anniversary, which takes place in January. The Communist Party section, we assume, is responding in part to the plea of the New York State Communist Committee for \$50 from each section to aid the drive.

Other sections responding yesterday were the Fresman area in the Bronx, with \$54 and \$10 from Brooklyn's East Kings Highway. Altogether, we received less than \$200 for the day, and still

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ACTU Man Warns U.S. Funds Are Reviving Nazis

DEARBORN, Mich., Dec. 24.—There is a danger that the fascists may again rise to power in Germany, UAW Regional Director Joe McCusker told the Ford Local 60 General Council recently. McCusker, a prominent member of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, recounted his personal observations in Europe as a member of a four-man CIO delegation which included Dick Gosser, Pat Greathouse and Charles Ballard.

He noted that while the U. S. is sending a lot of money over to help rebuild Europe, not enough gets to the workers, and too much to the capitalists. He sensed in Germany that the profits are going to "the same type of people who supported Hitler while he was on the rise."

"There is a danger," he warned, "of the Krupps coming back, aided and abetted directly by American capital."

A TRIP to Spain caused McCusker radically to change the position he adopted years ago when anti-fascist workers urged opposition to the Franco usurpation of power.

Franco is a dictator, he said. People are fired from their jobs not only for job action but for their suspected politics. The unions are suppressed and "any worker who becomes active finds a machine-gun at his back or head."

He observed the "most abject poverty" on the Spanish countryside—people living in shacks "like the bonus marchers built."

Europe's workers, he said, look to the U. S. labor movement, especially the CIO, to do something to help them out of a condition of increasing poverty. McCusker expressed agreement with CIO president Walter Reuther's stand that it's better to send bread and butter to them than guns and H-bombs, adding:

"It's our obligation to avert situations which existed under Hitler and Mussolini and presently existing in Spain."

McCusker's trip took him first to Scotland and England, where the delegation took part in memorial ceremonies to Philip Murray and Alan Haywood.

HE ALSO attended a get-together of the ICFTU metal trades department in Switzerland and met with many top leaders of the so-called "free" trade unions there, in Britain, France, Italy and Germany. He found it frustrating to hob-nob with top leaders many of whom get additional salaries (up

Californians Help Rosenberg Children's Fund

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Northern Californians contributed \$2,500 to the Rosenberg Children's National Trust Fund as a result of seven Bay Area meetings addressed by attorney Emanuel Bloch, a fund spokesman said here.

The contribution per person was one of the highest in the country, said Bloch, who expressed great satisfaction on the results of his Bay Area tour. The average donation in one San Francisco reception averaged \$10 a person.

Additional contributions may be sent to Bloch, trustee of the trust fund, at 401 Broadway, New York City.

Get it down now. Send holiday greeting to MAURICE BRAVERMAN, Box PMB 20422, New York, N.Y., a victim of the Smith Act.

PUERTO RICANS BARE N.J. FARM LABOR CONDITIONS

TRENTON, N.J., Dec. 24. (FP).—About 17,000 migrant farm workers were employed in New Jersey in 1953. Of these, 9,000 were Puerto Ricans and the others mainly Negroes from southern states.

According to the State Migrant Labor Board, it was a year "without major problems." That verdict apparently covered labor conditions, health, housing and educational facilities. But another viewpoint was expressed in a letter to the Trenton Times by Felix Rosado and Manuel Rivera.

"We, the Puerto Rican farm workers, are having many troubles here in New Jersey," they wrote. "They treat us very bad and they pay us very low wages. If we protest, they say we are bad workers and call us very bad names. Many of us came under contract with camp; but they never help us in the problems we have. The employment service is supposed to help the workers; but they never do. It is really bad, very bad."

"We will not come here to work any more. We want the people of New Jersey to know why."

NORWALK MAYOR ACCUSES HAT FIRM OF STIRRING VIOLENCE

NORWALK, Conn., Dec. 23.—Norwalk Mayor Irving C. Freese yesterday accused the Hat Corp. of America of attempting to foment violence in the 25-week strike of 1,400 hatters.

The charge was made in a conference between Mayor Freese, Police Commissioner Edward Ashbrook and Chief of Police Max R. Orlins with Walter Gordon Merritt, company attorney and William P. Morin, company vice-president. The company had demanded six policemen to herd scabs into the struck plant.

In turning down the company demand Mayor Freese asserted:

"It isn't fear of the picket line that is keeping people away. It's fear of reprisals when you get back to normal, if you ever do. The real fear is of retaliation, of being

ostracized by their fellow workers for the balance of their lives."

"Frankly I think you have tried to create incidents. Your advertisements are enough to scare people. Those offers of rewards make people suppose there will be violence."

The strike, aimed at preventing the company from moving production to unorganized sections of the south, has the support of the entire community. Not even the business interests sympathize with the runaway attempt.

The company has been running ads in the local papers offering rewards for "any lawbreaker causing or threatening injury to person or property of any employee now working for this company or about to report to work."

Congressmen Visited by Chicago Union Delegations

CHICAGO.—Delegations from independent unions here this week visited congressmen who were home for the holidays and pressed for action on a number of bills.

Among those visited were Reps. William L. Dawson (D. 1st Dist.), James B. Bowler (D. 7th Dist.), Thomas S. Gordon (D. 8th Dist.).

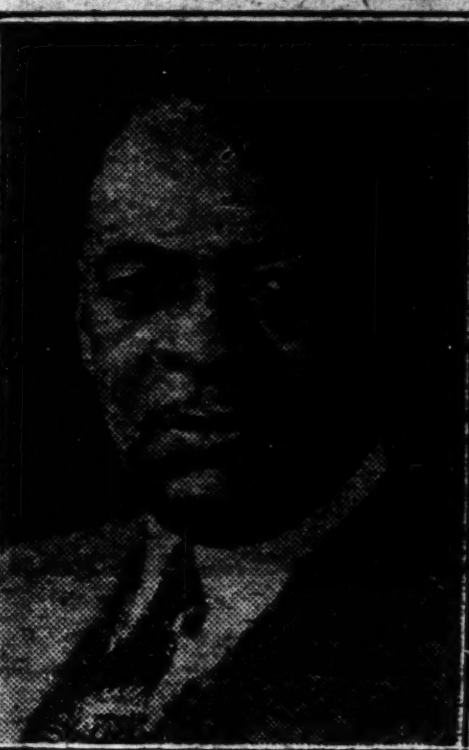
The visits were part of a program of the unions to "see your congressman and tell him what you think." The unionists made the following requests:

(A) Defeat anti-labor legislation such as the Butler Bill and

support repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act; (b) Tax relief for workers and particularly working mothers, and oppose sales and excise taxes; (c) Pass a federal FEPC law; (d) Support a program to curb unemployment, including public works, aid to farmers, expansion of foreign trade.

Sidney L. Ordower, UE representative who headed some of the delegation, reported a "favorable" response from the congressmen who were seen.

"At least, they listened carefully to what we had to say," declared Ordower.



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AMNESTY GROUP BEING FORMED ACROSS COUNTRY

The following information on the amnesty fight is excerpted from the Monthly News Letter issued by the National Committee To Win Amnesty for the Smith Act victims, 667 Madison Avenue, New York City 21, Room 611.

PROGRESS REPORT

AMNESTY COMMITTEES are being organized across the country—we will welcome news of their activities, and carry it whenever possible.

We urge readers to get in touch with the committees now functioning or organizing in Boston (contact Miss Bertha Reynolds, 760 Pleasant St., Stoughton, Mass.)—St. Louis (Brockman Schumacher, P. O. Box 481, Wallston Station, St. Louis, Mo.)—New Jersey (CRC of N. J., Lewis M. Moroz, Exec. Sec., 188 Belmont Ave., Newark 3, N. J.)—Chicago (The Rev. William T. Baird, 7348 Dorchester Ave., Chicago, Ill.)

The pamphlet Amnesty!, by Marion Bachrach, whose case was severed from the second Foley Square trial in New York, because of serious illness, has already sold 25,000 copies. It is now in its second printing.

One incoming mail at the office of the Amnesty Committee contained requests for literature and further information about the Committee and its activities from Houston, Texas, Evanston, Ill., Minneapolis, and Detroit. . . . The first jury acquittal of a Smith Act defendant took place at the recently concluded Smith Act trial in Seattle, in the case of Karly Larsen, a leader of the CIO International Woodworkers Union. Five other defendants received sentences of five years each. Two of the defendants received additional 3-year sentences for refusing to identify other individuals as Communist Party members, as did another defense witness, 61 year old Dr. Herbert Phillips, former University of Washington professor of history. . . . Nine additional indictments under the Smith Act in Philadelphia, eight in Ohio, and four indictments in California for allegedly "harboring" political refugees, bring the present total of Smith Act cases to 105. . . .

Order Schools In Washington 'Equalized'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—All schools here must be "equalized" by Jan. 20, according to an order issued by the Board of Education to Superintendent of Schools Herbert M. Cerning this week.

The board adopted the order by a vote of 6-1, with two members abstaining, on a motion by Dr. Margaret Just Butcher, one of three Negro members. According to the order, facilities and teacher loads in the segregated schools must be "equalized."

It is expected that the order will embarrass the school superintendent because there is a shortage of Negro teachers and an oversupply of white teachers. But under the "separate but equal" system, white teachers cannot be transferred to "Negro" schools.

Dr. Butcher, who has been fighting the segregated school system since her appointment last June, thinks this week's order is just the beginning. She warned after the order was issued:

"I'm digging in for a long fight. I don't believe there is such a thing as equalization (under segregation). This is just a drop in the bucket."

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Bomb Kills 16 In Casablanca

CASABLANCA, French Morocco, Dec. 24.—Sixteen persons were killed and 24 injured today when a bomb exploded in the crowded central market of Casablanca.

Negro Councilman's Wife Threatened

OAK RIDGE, Tenn., Dec. 24.—The wife of a Negro Town Councilman has been threatened with violence and there has arisen a noisy racist opposition to a resolution passed in the Council last Monday, recommending the end of school juncrow in this government-owned and government-operated community.

The seven members of the council are elected by the townspeople but serve only in an advisory capacity. Public schools here are segregated, despite their being located on Federal property, because of Tennessee law and the Atomic Energy Commission's rule of honoring local customs.

However, the AEC in Washington said the Town Council's resolution would "certainly" be considered.

Helicopter Takes Bodies Off Glacier

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, Dec. 24.—A rescue helicopter landed today beside the wreck of an American Navy bomber that crashed on a glacier last Thursday and began taking off bodies of the plane's nine crewmen.

White House Staff Gets Lincoln Prints

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Eisenhower gave a reproduction of one of his paintings to White House employees today at the annual Christmas reception.

Every person connected with White House operations received a 9 1/2 by 12 inch print of a painting of Abraham Lincoln which Eisenhower did this year from a photograph taken by Alexander Gardner on Nov. 15, 1863.

Eugene O'Neill Estate Goes to Third Wife

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Playwright Eugene O'Neill left his entire estate to his third wife, purposely excluding his daughter Oona and his son Shane it was disclosed in his will filed for probate.

The will named Mrs. Carlotta Monterey O'Neill as executrix and sole beneficiary. No estimate of the estate's value was included.

One paragraph said: "I purposely exclude from any interest in my estate under this will my son Shane O'Neill and my daughter Oona O'Neill Chaplin and I exclude their issue, now or hereafter born."

Remington Files High Court Appeal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—William W. Remington, Government economist imprisoned in a perjury frameup, filed an appeal in the Supreme Court today.

Remington, 36, is serving a three-year term imposed by Federal Judge Vincent L. Leibell last February.

Westinghouse Election Jan. 14 At Lester, Pa.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The National Labor Relations Board set Jan. 14 for an election among the 7,000 workers of the Westinghouse Electric plant in Lester, Pa.

Three unions will participate: the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers, which has been in the plant since it was organized; the IUE-CIO and the AFL International Association of Machinists.

Santa Claus Needs a Christmas Present—an Expandable Pack

SANTA CLAUS, Ind., Dec. 24—Pity poor Santa Claus. If he's going to fulfill all his requests, he'll have to carry a house, a school teacher and a "big handsome man" in that pack on his back tonight.

Not to mention the usual assortment of mama dolls, teddy bears and electric trains.

The requests St. Nick has received at this little town, famous for its postmark, where thousands of letters are sent each Yule season, include:

From at Attica, Ind., girl: "A big handsome man about 5 feet 5 and he must have black curly hair . . . I also would like a new school teacher, the one we have is driving us bats."

"I want a house," wrote a Fort Wayne, Ind., girl. "My mother and father were going to move before Christmas. But we could not find a house."

From another home-seeker, a West Lafayette, Ind., boy: "My father says he wants a pot of money for our new house. My mother isn't very particular."

A Block Island, R. I., tyke wrote: "Send me a set of boxing gloves so I can lick my big brother."

A Tulsa, Okla., youngster was concerned about Santa's safety. "I'll leave the front door open because when you get to the bottom of our chimney the hole is cemented up, she wrote."

A Lisle, Ill., boy asked for a "steam shovel," then added this postscript: "Please send my daddy his health."

French Postal Strike Demands Pledged Bonus

PARIS, Dec. 24 (ALN).—A nationwide strike of French postoffice workers this week tied up postal service and was scheduled to continue until 8 p.m. Christmas Day.

The official strike call by the Postal Union, an affiliate of the General Confederation of Labor (CGT), and an independent union, followed walkouts in Marseilles and spread to postal sorting and transport points attached to the main Paris railroad stations.

Under the agreement that ended the post office strike last August, the government promised a year-end bonus. However, next year's budget provides for a bonus of only 12,000 francs (\$34). The striking union said they were limiting the walkout to three days as a warning to the government to appropriate more money to meet its

Air transportation in Paris and other major French cities was grounded by a pre-Christmas strike of airfield personnel. The strikers, who operate the control towers, demanded a bigger budget appropriation to provide them with wage increases.

Unbeaten Duquesne Tourney Favorite

College basketball takes the sports stage starting tomorrow at Madison Square Garden where five of the country's finest teams and three New York combinations tangle in a Holiday Festival. Two of the visiting teams are unbeaten, Duquesne and Brigham Young, with seven victories each.

The schedules: Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. Brigham Young vs. Manhattan; Niagara vs. St. Johns. Saturday night, NYU vs. Duquesne, La Salle vs. St. Louis. There will be doubleheaders Monday afternoon and evening and a final tripleheader Wednesday night. The Brigham-Manhattan winner will meet the Duquesne-NYU winner, and the Niagara-St. Johns winner plays the LaSalle-St. Louis winner.

Duquesne has beaten Geneva, St. Francis (Pa.), Pitt, Wake Forest, Carnegie Tech, Texas and Toledo. They feature a great trio of Negro stars in Dick Ricketts, Jim Tucker, and Si Green, a Brooklynite out of Boys High. The latter led the unbeaten freshman last year with a 23 point average and is currently hitting 16, as are Tucker and Ricketts. The other two starters are Lou Iezzi and soph playmaker Mickey Winograd. Fletcher Johnson, an exceptional rebounder, is sixth man who sees plenty of

Is McCarthy's Boy a VIP at Fort Dix?

QUESTION: Senator McCarthy, did you or did you not organize a conspiracy by telephone for the purpose of infiltrating the Ft. Dix military installation for the purpose of subverting Army procedures by having your boy David Schine assigned to gold brick details? Answer yes or no.

This was the question being asked the nation's number 1 inquisitor this week as it was learned that David Schine is reportedly receiving special privileges as a rookie at Ft. Dix.

Drew Pearson, the columnist, wrote Tuesday that Roy Cohn, McCarthy's chief counsel had called Gen. Cornelius Ryan, Commanding Officer at the Fort, several times a week saying, "The Senator wants to know" how Schine is getting along.

McCarthy admitted "There may well have been calls to Schine" but alibied that the calls were on "subcommittee" business.

Wednesday's Baltimore Sun quoted friends of Gen. Ryan as saying the general has complained about the "interference" to Army Secretary Stevens, but that Stevens replied, "This is one you've got to handle yourself."

IOUE to Ask Pay Hikes at GE and Westinghouse

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—President James B. Carey of the International CIO Electrical Workers, said today his union will begin a drive for "substantial" wage boosts and a guaranteed annual wage in spring negotiations with Westinghouse Electric Corp. and General Electric Co.

Carey said the move would open a CIO drive throughout heavy industry, with the United Steelworkers and United Auto Workers following suit.

Carey announced a meeting will be held here Jan. 4-5 of the union's Westinghouse conference board to formulate economic policy for 1954.

The union's present contract with Westinghouse expires June 1, while the contract with GE expires a month earlier.

Don't forget to send holiday greetings to GUS HALL, Box 60651, Leavenworth, Kan., a victim of the Smith Act.



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The Sun story also quoted a non-commissioned officer as saying that Schine was given more pass time than the other men and that he was getting "deferential treatment" from the company commander.

Big football windup occurs at Detroit Sunday afternoon when the Cleveland Browns and Detroit Lions clash for the pro-championship. This will be televised, Channel 7, at 1 p.m. The Browns' most successful team in pro history, are a touchdown favorite. They won the All American Conference for four straight years, then joined the National League in 1950 and have made the play-off every time. This year winning 11 and losing one they scored 348 points to 162 for the opposition. Detroit won 10, lost 2, scored 271 and gave up 205.

Most interesting college result Wednesday night put the final stamp of greatness on Bevo Francis, the gangling soph of little Rio Grande. His jump shot in the last second of play beat powerful Wake Forest at Raleigh 67-65. Bevo scored 32. Against North Carolina State he hit 34 and at Miami 48. In eight games against regular college opposition this year he is averaging 43.8 and clearly is the top offensive college player going.

SPORTS

Penna. turned down an Cleveland baseball offer for a college education first.

On the pro front the Knicks meet Syracuse in the Garden tonight (Friday) and Philadelphia on Sunday afternoon.

The pro games will be televised the college tourney will not.

The Trade Union Veterans Committee is attempting to locate Kenneth F. Aherns, one of the 12 survivors of the Malmedy massacre, it was announced yesterday. Aherns testified at a Senate Armed Forces Committee investigating the military trials given the Nazis. When he was scheduled

to testify on the brutal murder of American GIs by the Nazis Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis) disrupted the hearings with the charge that the Senate Committee was trying "to inflame the public" and create a "Roman holiday."

The Trade Union Veterans Committee pointed out that the

Wide Spy Links Cited in Beria Death Sentence

Daily Worker Foreign Department

Moscow newspapers yesterday carried notice of the execution of Lavrentia P. Beria and six co-defendants, following their conviction and sentence on charges of treason by the Supreme Court of the Soviet Union.

Executed by firing squads along with Beria were V. N. Merkulov, V. G. Dekanozov, B. Z. Kobulov, S. A. Coghidze, P. Y. Meshik, and L. E. Vlodzimirsky.

The text of the Supreme Court ruling said that "the court investigations completely confirmed the evidence of the preliminary investigations and accusations placed against all the accused that were laid down in the prosecutor's indictment."

It said "the guilt of all the accused in the indictment presented to them was fully proved in court by genuine documentary data, personal notes of the accused, and evidence of numerous witnesses."

The trial before the Supreme Court lasted from Dec. 18 to Dec. 23.

Chairman of the special session of the Court convened to try Beria and his co-defendants was Marshal of the Soviet Union I. S. Konev. Other members were N. M. Shvernik, chairman of the All-Union Central Council of the Trade Unions; E. L. Zeiden, first deputy chairman of the Supreme Court of the USSR; General of the Army K. S. Moskalenko; N. A. Mikhailov, secretary of the Moscow provincial Committee; M. I. Kushava, chairman of the Council of Trade Unions of Georgia; L. A. Gromov, chairman of the Moscow City Court; and K.

Medical Group Asks Probe of 'Collectivism'

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24 (FP).—The California Medical Association House of Delegates has voted approval not only of congressional investigations of Communism in schools and colleges, but also of investigation of "the inroads of the teaching of collectivism."

The resolution said that "the general problem of collectivism, with its teachings of price and wage controls, agricultural subsidies, government housing . . . the regimented or totalitarian state by a process of gradualism, this ultimate result being in no manner different from that desired and achieved by the radical Communist."

The doctors were supported in their stand by Gov. Goodwin J. Knight (R), who pledged himself to veto "any bill to socialize your profession passed in the forthcoming session of the state legislature."

State medical care was one of the principal projects of former Gov. Earl Warren, now chief justice of the U. S.

The governor's statement brought a prompt reply from state Sen. George Miller, Jr. (D), who said Knight was "setting up straw men instead of making a program to meet the needs of the people of the state."

F. Luncv, First Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of the USSR. The case was considered in a "closed court committee."

The Supreme Court ruling said "the conspirators intended as their criminal aim to use the organs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs against the Communist Party and the Government of the USSR, to place the Ministry of Internal Affairs above the party and the Government for the purpose of seizing power, for the liquidation of the working peasantry, for the restoration of capitalism and the restoration of the control of the bourgeoisie."

Beria, the Court held, had established "secret connections with foreign intelligence services" at the time of the civil war in 1919. "In the following years up to his arrest, L. P. Beria continued and extended his secret connections with foreign intelligence services."

The Court held that after Stalin's death, Beria and his associates staked their hopes "on a general activation of reactionary imperialist forces against the Soviet state."

The text of the Court's ruling said that the death sentences against the convicted had been carried out on Dec. 23.

Unionists Win Whole Council In Canada Town

SUDBURY, Canada, Dec. 24 (ALN).—The entire slate of candidates supported by the International Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers was elected to the city council of nearby Coniston, a smelter town. It was a defeat for the International Nickel Co. candidates who have run the town for 30 years.

The first dent in company control was made last year when a former Mine-Mill member was elected mayor. This year he was reelected, and elected to the council were six union members.

They campaigned on a program of paving the streets, higher taxes from the U. S.-owned International Nickel and lower taxes for homeowners.

S.C. Nurses' Group Drops Racial Bar

Negro and white nurses in South Carolina moved a step closer to integration last week when the South Carolina State Nurses' Association dropped its racial bar and invited Negro nurses into its membership.

Negro nurses in South Carolina are organized in the South Carolina Palmetto Association. In consultation with the heretofore all-white group recently, the Negro nurses expressed a willingness to join with the white nurses.

Search for Survivor of Malmedy Massacre

The Trade Union Veterans Committee is attempting to locate Kenneth F. Aherns, one of the 12 survivors of the Malmedy massacre, it was announced yesterday. Aherns testified at a Senate Armed Forces Committee investigating the military trials given the Nazis. When he was scheduled

to testify on the brutal murder of American GIs by the Nazis Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis) disrupted the hearings with the charge that the Senate Committee was trying "to inflame the public" and create a "Roman holiday."

The Trade Union Veterans Committee pointed out that the

Senate Armed Services Committee rejected McCarthy's charges and upheld the conduct of the trial. The Nazi storm troopers escaped execution, however, when the death sentences were commuted.

The prosecution at the trial of Sen. Joseph McCarthy, which is

cheduled for Jan. 16, 1954 at St. Nicholas Arena, will be conducted by Attorney Frank Serri, former president of the Brooklyn Bar Association, and associate counsel Russ Nixon, former Director of Division for Investigation of Nazi Cartels.

World of Labor

by George Morris

'Creeping Hooverism' And Labor Relations

THE RAILWAY CLERK, organ of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, the same paper that has so forthrightly branded McCarthyism as fascism, also warns us in another editorial that back of the current big business cry against "creeping socialism" is "creeping Hooverism."

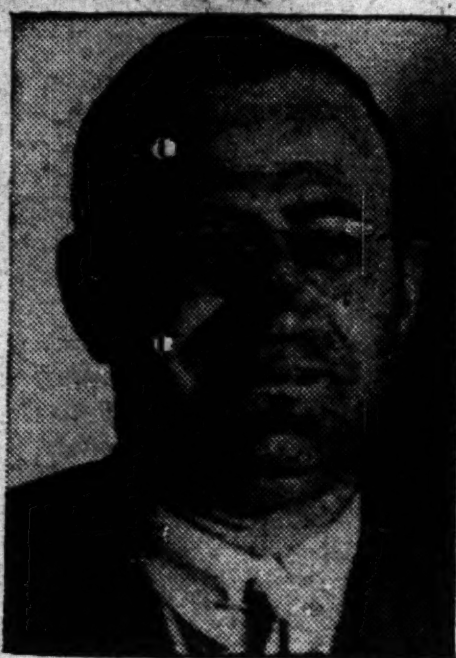
After summarizing the course followed by the Eisenhower administration, the paper concludes:

"This policy of creeping Hooverism is a policy of mental bankruptcy, intellectual dishonesty and confusion. The American people are beginning to realize this fact and it is doubtful whether the current diet of fried spies will be sufficient to cover up the reactionary tendency of the administration's program."

HOOVERISM is certainly creeping into every nook and corner of American life. But it is also necessary to stress that if it develops in full, as it certainly threatens to do, we will have something worse than the Hooverism of the 20s.

This time it is bound to be Hooverism with fascism (or McCarthyism as many call it) its preponderant political and moral content. As Emil Rieve, president of the Textile Workers Union, said in a number of recent speeches in which he denounced the secret police pattern of J. Edgar Hoover's FBI, if the McCarthyites and Brownells get away with their program "we'll have a brand of Hooverism that will make us wish we had the old kind back again."

WE WERE recently reminded strongly of what's coming in a front-page story of the Wall Street Journal of Dec. 1 that one of the industries that looks for a big boom (while others are sliding downward) is the vast network of industrial spy agencies. The business journal, surveying this industry as though it were the steel, textile or some other productive field, observes that it



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is experiencing a revival.

Over 5,000 outfits are in the field, raking in an estimated \$150,000,000 annually, with the hog's share going to a handful of big outfits like the Pinkerton and Burns detective agencies.

These agencies suffered a serious blow with the upsurge of unionism in the mass production industries and enactment of New Deal laws that outlawed them. For a while their main business was explained as only guard duty. But, as the Wall Street Journal virtually admits, they kept their machinery intact for the old-fashioned strikebreaking, spying, provocation and disruptive services. They knew, apparently, that their main market would return.

As John O. Camden, vice-president and general manager of Pinkerton's, told the Journal, there has been a pickup in "private eye" business for companies ostensibly for "ferretting out Communist subversives." The sales representatives of these outfits use the Communist angle for drumming up new business. The more scare headlines about the "red danger," the more such business.

"There is bound to be: just look at the newspaper reports of the General Electric case," said Camden, referring to McCarthy's

witchhunt hearings at GE plants.

EVEN UNDER the Taft-Hartley law, if it is followed at least formally, it is illegal for an employer to hire spies and disrupters for anti-union work. But it has also been made noble and patriotic to employ spies and provocateurs for an allegedly "anti-Communist" purpose. So what difference does it make what the stated object of a hired spy agency may be, as long as its professional rats are put to work in the plants and unions.

And, as the hearings before the Senate LaFollette Committee have disclosed, where a company is so shortsighted as not to see the need of industrial espionage and provocateur services, there are ways to drive the idea home to its executives. Planted agents can demonstrate a few acts of sabotage or provoke disturbances or otherwise manufacture "proof" that the spy agency's services are needed.

Some day, no doubt, we will have another LaFollette-type investigating committee that may reveal how much money the spy agencies have been throwing towards the McCarthyites to keep the "red-scare" alive and across the headlines.

THE REAL MARKET for this vast spy network has, of course, been created by the fact that a "new climate" now exists both in Washington and, therefore, in "labor relations." The sharpening decline in the economy, and growing unemployment, is making the labor movement especially vulnerable to the "teeth" in the Taft-Hartley Law.

A number of recent rulings by the courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, the latter going so far as to justify firing for disloyalty to an employer, have also helped to set the stage for "Hooverism" in labor relations. The Eisenhower-controlled National Labor Relations Board, under chairman Guy Farmer, has been working overtime of late to hurry and sharpen the weapons in T-H. The latest example was its ruling absolving employers of unfair labor charges if they force employees to listen to company speeches within the plant, during a bargaining election campaign. The employer is given what amounts to right to interfere in union affairs.

All the above, and more, is well known to labor leaders. Some of them issued strong statements on those matters. But when will we see some real steps to get vigorous and united action to fight menace?



Of Things to Come

by John Pittman

The Forthcoming Atomic Negotiations

A GREAT majority of us welcome the Soviet Government's unconditional acceptance of President Eisenhower's proposal for private talks to implement his plan for a world atomic energy pool under United Nations auspices.

We are also gratified that Secretary Dulles announced the Administration's willingness to follow up Moscow's acceptance, and also to talk about a ban on atomic weapons.

This is all very heartening, and, coming during the traditional heart-warming festivities of the Christmas holidays, it will no doubt strengthen the illusion that all is well with our future.

The danger is, therefore, that we may come to believe an agreement to ban atomic weapons, and thus to end the peril of atomic war, is in the bag.

It is a greater danger than would be the case, say, if the peoples of Western Europe held

such an illusion—which they do not hold.

For we Americans, not the Europeans, are the really decisive brake on those forces in our country that are eager and ready to launch atomic war.

THE VERY success of the forthcoming negotiation depends, therefore, on the extent to which we intervene on behalf of our individual and national interests, which, in all questions of a possible atomic war, coincide with the national interests of all other peoples.

Against whom must we intervene?

First, against those who oppose negotiations of any kind: the McCarthyites and their backers, the Pentagon brass and the big businessmen, who preach the myth of our "quantitative" superiority in atomic weapons, our "offensive" superiority.

These are the ideological

heirs of the apostles of blitzkrieg, that bankrupt military doctrine which was utterly exposed and discredited at Stalingrad, Iwo Jima and the Battle of the Bulge.

They and their mouthpieces such as Syngman Rhee's foreign minister Pyun think everything could be resolved by dropping the hydrogen bomb on Moscow.

They talk about a "preventative" war, and make believe that it would bring us through unscathed to cheap and easy victory.

But even President Eisenhower dared not repeat this myth; he was constrained to admit the truth, that atomic war would mean death and destruction for us too—although his talk of our "quantitative" superiority helped feed the McCarthyite myth.

NEXT, we have to intervene against those who have finally agreed to negotiate because of the pressure of world opinion, yet, having agreed reluctantly, hope to use the forthcoming negotiations as a means for obtaining

PEACE NOTEBOOK:

'Would They Wait For A Re-Armed Germany'

WHY, IF THE Soviet Union really intended to overrun Europe, doesn't it do so now instead of waiting while a new German army is formed? This puzzler is asked in a reasoned letter to the New York Herald Tribune, titled "Arming Germany". To the N.Y. Herald Tribune:

"It has been stated that the Soviet Union has had for years sufficient military strength to seize Western Europe, but that if a German army is recruited, Russia would not dare to move. Leaving atomic and hydrogen bombs out of consideration (since if the claims made for them are true and if they are used, ground armies are not too important anyway) why, if Russia actually plans a military conquest, should anybody suppose that the Kremlin will peacefully watch us for several years while the German army is built up to make conquest virtually impossible? Why would not Russia attack while the attacking is comparatively easy?

"Admitting that Russian leaders are completely ruthless and unscrupulous, the fact remains that they have not sent their armies 'to the Channel.' If Germany had had a similar chance, with full freedom of action, it seems very improbable that she would have refrained from using that chance. In any event, when we talk of taking a 'calculated risk' as to the recrudescence of German militarism, why is it never proposed that we take instead the 'calculated risk' that Russia will not attack even if no German army (of dubious loyalty to the West) is provided?

"It used to be stated glibly before World War I and again before World War II that future great wars would be 'impossible' because governments simply could not finance them. Now the story is that if the French and German economies and military establishments are 'integrated,' it will be 'impossible' for Germany to attack France. It might be more inconvenient for Germany, but getting down to brass tacks, why should it be impossible, if Germany is in physical possession of factories, mines and all the other facilities necessary for war?

E. D. WILLIAMS.
Rockville Centre, N. Y."

A Christmas Challenge

MARCUS BARTH, distinguished son of the famous European theologian, now teaching and lecturing in this country, speaking of Europe's churches today says:

"Louder and more distinctly than any Western group, the Reformed Church of Hungary, some churchmen in Czechoslovakia and some congregations, groups and individuals of East Germany and Berlin are calling the churches of the world to repentance. They tell us that our Western liberty, morality and way of living may be poisoned by a materialism, a hypocrisy and a callous acceptance of war that are worse than the theories and some of the deeds of the Eastern potentates."

Comments the Syracuse Peace Council, from whose publication the above quotes were obtained: "Could be."

PAROLE BOARD WON'T LET HER CARE FOR HER CHILDREN

Bella Jean Frankfeld is 9 years old; her brother Lewis is 14. Although they are an unusually devoted brother and sister, they have been separated ever since their parents, Regina and Philip Frankfeld, went to prison under their Smith Act sentences in January, 1953.

Mrs. Frankfeld, who is in the Federal Penitentiary at Alderson, W. Va., applied for parole last September. She met all the technical requirements for parole; she has a home, children who need her sorely, as a highly trained teacher for cerebral palsied children she has assurances of obtaining employment; she had served one-third of her two year sentence. Yet early in October, Mrs. Frankfeld's parole application was returned to her with one word across its face: "denied."

Her application can however be re-considered by the board, which admitted receiving many letters on her behalf. The plight of her children, whose father is serving a 5-year sentence in Atlanta Penitentiary, and who can therefore visit each parent only at infrequent intervals, and never together, can only become aggravated with time. Her release would permit her to re-establish a home for them.

Letters supporting Mrs. Frankfeld's request for parole should go to Mr. George A. Killinger, chairman of the Parole Board. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

international sanctioning of the production of atomic weapons, under the guise of agreement to direct a small part of atom material to peaceful purposes.

Precisely such an international sanction would be implicit in any agreement which, although purporting to deal with the entire question of atomic energy, would deal only with Eisenhower's proposed world uranium stockpile of left-overs from weapons production, and would say nothing about prohibiting weapons production or destroying the stockpiles of weapons already produced.

As the New York Times' James Reston wrote Dec. 23, the Eisenhower-Dulles decision to talk about a weapons ban with

the Soviet Union "does not indicate that the United States really has changed its policy on 'banning' atomic weapons. On the contrary, the new United States defense budget places more reliance on atomic weapons than the last."

So that the second object of our intervention must be this equally bankrupt and dangerous policy of the Eisenhower Administration. Persistence in such a policy rules out any agreement on banning atomic weapons.

For the Soviet Union has already hinted in its acceptance of Eisenhower's offer to talk that it will not be a party to any move which, while not reducing the war danger, would reduce vigilance against the war danger.

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BROTHERHOOD WILL WIN!

THE SPIRIT OF HUMAN brotherhood is very strong.

Man was not born to tear another to pieces, or to burn another's children with jellied gasoline, or to destroy in a single flash of atomic murder entire cities and their people.

That is why we feel in this Christmas and holiday season joy in the power of that brotherhood which mocks all the futile little men of hate, fear and war.

The Roman emperors rested their power on the lie that they were gods, to be worshipped unquestioningly. To them was delivered the piled up wealth created by the lowly—the hewers of wood and the drawers of water.

But an Agitator appeared with the disloyal and subversive doctrines that the rich were not gods, that "blessed are the peace makers." He did not hesitate to warn the Caesars "the first shall be the last and the last shall be the first." For that the Agitator was crucified by what would now be called "The Committee on Un-Roman Activities."

OUR WORLD TODAY is very different. The common people who do the work and produce the good things of life, along with the workers in the laboratories, have put into practice the lesson of human brotherhood on one-third of the earth's surface. In the rest of the world, the power of brotherhood erects a great wall against the modern Judases who clutch like madmen their final crime—the atomic bomb. "Peace," cries humanity! And the men of war and death are forced to withhold their hand!

Our land hears the brutish cries of the new peace-haters, the McCarthyites who lust for blood. But their brutishness will not win against the rising force of peace and brotherhood. They will not crucify America! They will be challenged and defeated by all Americans of good will.

Let the new Pharisees hound Robin Hood and jail the spirit of peace as a "security risk." The country will ask for more brotherhood, more peace, more security for the dignity of man. Amnesty for the innocent Americans in jail for preaching peace! No more atomic death, no more Hiroshimas!

Merry Christmas to all! Peace on earth, good will to men!

FRANCE'S REAL CRISIS

AFTER 13 BALLOTS the French Parliament finally has chosen as the country's next President an obscure politician whose views on virtually everything are unknown.

The delay was not caused, as the cold war press here claims, by a French "constitutional crisis."

This is not to say that France does not face a crisis. But the real crisis France faces is something else than "constitutional."

It is the danger of increased intervention and blackmail by the Eisenhower-Dulles Administration, backed by Churchill, to impose the EDC treaty on France against French consent.

The Parliament's refusal to accept anyone known to favor the European Defense treaty, with its proviso for a German Wehrmacht under Nazi leadership, indicates that what was actually in a state of crisis was the Eisenhower-Dulles pet project.

ACTION ON DISCRIMINATION

THE PRESIDENT'S Committee on Government Contracts has before it a program, submitted by the AFL to eliminate discrimination. The program consists of concrete proposals on enforcement of an executive order requiring companies bidding for government work to guarantee no discrimination in their hiring, promotion, wage or other policies.

The program is the most comprehensive yet submitted on this problem by the AFL, and is certainly a step in the right direction. Undoubtedly the most powerful factor in the AFL's interest in the problem is, as the program itself says, the rise of its Negro membership to the record-breaking figure of 1,250,000.

In all essentials the position of the AFL is the same as that of the CIO in this fight. Here is an issue upon which the entire labor movement, in alliance with the Negro people's organizations, can have an effective united movement.

Surely no one within any of these organizations harbors the illusion that a mere suggestion of a program will get farther than someone's desk in the Washington administration. This should be evident from the fact that the executive order has been in the main unenforced. It will take an active and organized movement to make this executive order worth something.

LAST SATURDAY afternoon Robert G. Thompson left New York City, bound for the Atlanta Penitentiary. His wrists were handcuffed to a chain around his waist. He faces a seven-year sentence. Judge Medina had given him three years under the Smith Act. Last Thursday Judge Noonan, speaking of "leniency because of your war record" gave him four years more, for contempt of court—a shocking sentence.

Thompson's name is added to the evergrowing list of political prisoners behind prison walls in the United States, while Argentina, Greece, Spain, and Italy have recently declared amnesties for their wartime and other political prisoners.

Another family will have to begin to make the long monthly trips to see a husband and father in prison, which adds new emphasis to the Christmas appeal in this paper last week of Mrs. Peggy Dennis, chairman of the Families of Smith Act Victims, popularly known as "the Families Committee."

IT IS NOW over two years since this committee was organized. It started with the families of the first group convicted under the Smith Act—the 11 members of the National Committee, and later the families of those arrested in the second New York group in 1951. Paradoxically it had hoped that its numbers would NOT increase and its existence as a committee could be short-lived.

Unfortunately the political climate of McCarthyism did not diminish and the number of Smith Act victims has multiplied to over 100. Seven Smith Act trials have already occurred—two in New York City, and others in Los Angeles, Seattle, Hawaii, Pittsburgh, and Baltimore. Trials are slated in St. Louis, Philadelphia and Cleveland; one is now going on in Detroit. There are at least 200 children affected by these arrests. The need for the Families Committee has therefore increased and similar committees are being set up in the other cities.

The work that this committee

has done is not of a personal or social service character. It has been of real political importance. If the families had not undertaken it, some other committee would have had to do it, or the political prisoners would have been neglected.

They have raised in the period of their existence, through appeals, affairs, etc., the funds required to guarantee the \$12 monthly commissary allotment allowed to each prisoner, and to pay for books, subscriptions for papers and magazines and other extras allowed, such as special medicine for Jack Stachel, a surgical belt for John Williamson, glasses for Eugene Dennis, French and Spanish study textbooks for Ben Davis and John Gates.

What the prisoners are allowed to have is meager enough and yet it is of the greatest value to them, to make prison life endurable.

THE POLITICAL prisoners are scattered in prisons as far West as Leavenworth, as far South as Atlanta. Families are allowed a two-hour visit, once a month. The Families Committee has raised the money to be able to pay for these trips. For at least two of the families, this means an average of \$300 per month. In one case the two Frankfeld children must be taken to see their father in Atlanta and their mother in West Virginia.

These visits are precious to the prisoners, separated as they are from their dear ones. But it is also their only contact, except for an occasional visit from a lawyer, with the world outside.

You may be sure the authori-



BOB THOMPSON

ARREST MAYOR OF SAN JUAN FOR ANTI-CP VIOLENCE

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Dec. 24.—The Mayor of the town of Carolina, Federico Cordero, was arrested last week for breaking down a platform from which the Communist Party of Puerto Rico was conducting a meeting. With him were also arrested the municipal jail warden and another municipal official.

The arrests followed on investigation by police Captain Rafael Molina and Judges Veray Torregosa and J. A. Liceaga acting on a complaint by the Communist leader Juan Saez Corales, Pablo L. Garcia, Juan Santos Rivera and Felix Ojeda. District Judge Liceaga ordered the arrest of the Mayor and his accomplices on the counts of malicious destruction and disturbance of the peace and set bail on \$500 for each count. The three officials posted bail.

The violence took place last Dec. 10 when Pablo Garcia was introducing the next speaker and reminded the audience that in 1940, when all the workers were united under the C.G.T., Mayor Cordero sought the friendship of Saez Corales, then a Communist leader of C.G.T. Taking offense at these words Mayor Cordero and the other men threw down the platform and cut the cables of the loudspeaker breaking the meeting.

A Better World

by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

Support a Fighting Families' Committee

ties weigh the interest and support for these prisoners in many ways. One is by the regularity of the families' visits. Another is by the amount of mail addressed to the prisoners, even if he cannot receive it. Thousands of season's greetings should go right now to every political prisoner. They will know about it, even if they do not get it directly. Even a post card will do.

The Families Committee has fought valiantly against persecution of their children. They issued an excellent pamphlet, "Vengeance on the Young," by Albert Kahn, exposing the FBI harassment of the political refugees' families, and gave wide circulation to Mrs. Esther Jackson's moving story, "This Is My Husband."

They fought successfully against exclusion of their children from nursery schools and camps.

They have undertaken to give a wholesome summer vacation to all the children of political prisoners, and have raised funds to make this possible, in their summer camp appeals.

THIS COMMITTEE does its work, to use Mrs. Dennis' words, "not in pain and sorrow alone but in pride and anger." They organized the first "Fight Back Rally" after the men went to prison—an inspiring affair; organized a tribute to Mrs. Mary Kaufman—valiant woman lawyer; arranged an International Women's Day tribute to the women defendants in the New York and Baltimore trials; held a public rally last summer to protest and reject the characterization of "subversive" by Attorney General Brownell.

They issued a folder, "Is Family Devotion Subversive?" within a week, and did an extensive mailing to one of the broadest lists yet attempted.

They issued a Women's Amnesty appeal last Christmas, with signatures of 150 outstanding women from all parts of the U.S.A.

They have spoken at meetings all over the country. Mrs. Dennis made two trips to the Coast. Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Winston, Mrs. Gerson, and others have spoken in many cities.

I CONSIDER that the Families Committee has done a very good job to fulfill the tasks it set for itself. It needs, \$1,000 a month. It deserves your most generous support. Please answer Mrs. Dennis' Christmas appeal now. The treasurer of the Committee is Mrs. Hattie Charney, Room 535, 799 Broadway, New York 3, N.Y. Let our political prisoners know you remember them.

P.S. If you prefer, you can send your check to John T. McManus, who issued a special for this Committee, c/o National Guardian, 17 Murray St., New York City. He will turn the cash over to the committee.

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REMEMBER PRISONERS IN YOUR NEW YEAR GREETINGS

When you make out your New Year's card mailing list remember to include the names of those heroic men and women now serving prison terms under the Smith Act and similar laws, and other victims of frameups; the Political Prisoners' Relief Committee urges.

The prisoners and their addresses are as follows:

Dorothy Rose Blumberg, Box A, Alderson, W. Va.
Regina Frankfeld, Box A, Alderson, W. Va.
Benjamin J. Davis, PMB 6454, Terre Haute, Ind.
Eugene Dennis, PMB 71488, Atlanta Ga.
John Gates, PMB 71487, Atlanta, Ga.
Gus Hall, PMB 68051, Leavenworth, Kan.
George Meyers, PMB 21428 Petersburg, Va.
Irving Potash, PMB 67769, Leavenworth, Kan.
Jacob Stachel, PMB 8659, Danbury, Conn.
Robert Thompson, Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.
John Williamson, PMB 19353, Lewisburg, Pa.
Carl Winter, 16953, P. O. Box No. 1900, Milan, Mich.
Roy Wood, PMB 9634, Ashland Ky.
Philip Frankfeld, PMB 73247, Atlanta, Ga.
Maurice Braverman, PMB 20423, Lewisburg, Pa.
James Dolsen, Alleghany County Workhouse, Box 56, Blawnox, Pa.
Frank Hashmall, 94602, P.O. Box 511, Columbus, Ohio.
Theodore Jordan, 2805 State St., Salem, Ore.
George Crawford, 509 Spring St., Richmond, Va.
Jesse Helling, P.O. Box 97, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Johnny Craft, Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Miss.
Candelario Montoya, Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colo.
Lt. Leon Gilbert, c/o Prisoners' Relief Committee.
Jose Salz, Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colo.
L. C. Akins, R.S.R., Snipe, Texas.
Clarence Hill, New Jersey State Prison, Trenton, N.J.
Morton Sobell, Alcatraz Island, San Francisco, Cal.
Mrs. Rosalie Ingram, Wallie and Sam Ingram, Reidsville Prison, Reidsville, Ga.
George Clayton, Reidsville Prison, Reidsville, Ga.
Major Benton, Central Prison, Raleigh, N.C.
Wesley Robert Wells, San Quentin Penitentiary, San Quentin, Cal.
Fletcher Mills, Route 3, Box 115, Montgomery, Ala.
Harold Christoffel, B.O. PMB 10718, Terre Haute, Indiana.
Ray Vigil, Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colo.
Giacomo Quattrone, Immigration Detention Center, Marginal St., East Boston, Mass.
Steve Tsermengas, Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois.
Felix Kusman, Ellis Island, N.Y.
Boris Sklar, Ellis Island, N.Y.
Herman Nixon, Ellis Island, N.Y.
Manuel Diaz, Ellis Island, N.Y.

FUND DRIVE

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have over \$2,000 to go to complete. A single good weekend, comparable to those we had during the height of the campaign, will put us over.

Other contributions received were \$17 from a group of white collar workers; \$8 from various Brooklyn friends; \$5 from a Bronx housewife, \$16 from various Manhattanites; \$1 from a New York printer; \$2 from a South Jersey reader; \$5 from Orangeburg, N. Y.

There was also \$5 from a Buffalo worker, \$4 from Fall River, Mass.; \$1 from a steady supporter in Wabash, Indiana; \$1 from Paterson, N. J.; \$10 from Grand Rapids, Mich.; \$5 from Milwaukee, Wisconsin; three contributions of \$5 each from Chicago, which we will report on in detail Monday.

As we said, there is still more than \$2,000 to go, and we're hoping it will be all over before the weekend. It will, if every reader responds with a dollar contribution to finish, and if the various New York Communist sections get in their \$50, as requested by the Communist leaders in the state.

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Penna. Bar Head Blasts 'Trial by Newspaper'

PHILADELPHIA.—Two present day sources of danger to individual freedom, arising from the publication of prejudiced, inflammatory newspaper reports, and from the operation of Congressional investigating committees, were discussed last week by the president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, J. Wesley McWilliams.

Mr. McWilliams spoke before a joint meeting of the American Citizenship Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association and the American Civil Liberties Union, at a luncheon marking the 162nd anniversary of the Bill of Rights.

In the course of the speech it was disclosed that the midwinter meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association next month would be devoted to the same two topics, Congressional investigations and "trial by newspaper."

The right to a fair trial, Mr. McWilliams declared, is one of our great Constitutional guarantees, but "trial by newspapers can well deprive the accused of a fair trial."

"British courts are most strict in their limitations and the press is forbidden to publish prejudicial and inflammatory comments which tend to arouse sympathy for or hatred against persons accused of crime, either before their cause is heard or while on trial," he pointed out.

Many of our courts, he said, are much too lenient in permitting prejudicial newspaper statements against defendants to go unchallenged, and he appealed to lawyers to help stem the practice of permitting radio, TV or news reports of this kind to be published prior to or during a trial.

"It is intolerable that any man shall be denied a fair trial because of the whipping-up of public opinion against him. If there be any conflict between the right of free speech and the right to a fair trial, the right to a fair trial must take precedence."

"We are not required to read hysterical, inflammatory, and intemperate discussions of a prospective or pending law suit, but each of us is entitled to a free, fair and untrammelled trial."

"If the values must be weighed, the right of the press must be overbalanced by the right to a just trial. Equal justice under law cannot be impaired."

In the second half of his address, Mr. McWilliams assailed the conduct of Congressional investigating committees, and cited the concern of many national church and civic groups and individual leaders with the present trend toward limiting individual liberty.

"The weapons for protection against alien conspiracies and treasonable confederations can, when improperly employed, be used in the destruction of our freedom and liberty," he warned.

These committees, he stated, have in many instances, conducted themselves in such a manner as to indicate only a desire to get on the front pages of the newspapers.

He spoke approvingly of steps being taken by a committee of the American Bar Association to formulate a set of rules for Congressional investigating committees which would safeguard the rights of witnesses.

"Individual Constitutional rights, he continued, are 'but empty phrases and scraps of paper unless there is a lawyer willing to take the case, come into court, and enforce the abstract right."

"For a lawyer to defend an unpopular cause so often adversely affects his practice and his own standing in public esteem. . . .

"The right of a defendant to the benefit of counsel and the duty of the legal profession to provide such aid, even to the most unpopular defendant, is an ancient right."

Services Sunday
For Samuel Dvosin

Funeral services for Samuel Dvosin will be held Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at I. J. Morris funeral parlor, 9703 Church Ave., Bklyn. Dvosin died Thursday morning. Friends are invited to attend the rites.

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FATE OF WESLEY WELLS NOW UP TO CALIF. GOVERNOR

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—

Wesley Robert Wells, who faces execution for throwing a cuspidor at a prison guard, was not surprised by the Supreme Court's refusal to review a prior denial of his plea for a hearing, his attorneys said here.

"Well, it looks like if I am to be around in this old world much longer, it is now definitely up to the governor to do something," he had written the Fair Employment Practices Committee of Warehousemen's Local 6, even before the high court turned down his appeal for rehearing.

Wells' defense committees throughout the state were moving to meet the threat of a new execution date by stepping up the circulation of petitions appealing to Gov. Goodwin J. Knight for clemency.

The Supreme Court denial frees California authorities to set the execution date from 60 to 90 days after they receive official notification of the decision.

Wells' letter to Local 6 was on the occasion of the high court's first refusal to review the case. The local 6 FEPC has taken a vigorous part in implementing Intl. Longshoremen's & Ware-

housemen's Union support of Wells.

"The court's refusal to review the case really didn't come as any surprise to me," wrote the Negro prisoner, "as I was thoroughly aware of just how I stood in that respect. Only one capital case out of this state has been reviewed by the Supreme Court since I've been up here—and in that case the judgment was affirmed."

(Wells has been imprisoned for 25 years and is spending his seventh Christmas on death row in San Quentin this year.)

"As you also perhaps know, we have filed for a rehearing, but I don't expect anything to come of it, either. . . .

"Well, it looks like if I am to be around in this old world much longer, it is now definitely up to the governor to do something."

The state Committee to Save Wells called for increased vigor in the circulation of the petitions appealing to Governor Knight for clemency, when the Supreme Court's action became known last week.

Brooklyn friends are asked to attend the funeral of

SAMUEL DVOSIN

who passed away
Thursday morning

Funeral Sunday, Dec. 27 at
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funeral parlor

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extends sincere condolences to

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DAILY AND SUNDAY WORKER

Your Papers With The Future

What to See and Hear On Christmas Day

TV (Christmas Day)

- Especially Good.
- Movie: Alice in Wonderland.
- Lou Bunin's puppets (2) 4 p.m.
- Christmas Festival of Music (2) 5 p.m.
- (2) 5:00.
- Play: Angel Street with Sylvia Sidney (9) 7:30.
- Movie: Emperor's Nightingale—Czech puppet film (11) 7:30.
- Ozzie and Harriet (7) 8:00.
- Playhouse of Stars: The Baker of Barnbury, with Elsa Lanchester, Robert Newton (2) 9:00.
- Paul Hartman Show (7) 9:00.
- Movie — Nicholas Nickleby (British) (9) 9:00.
- Our Miss Brooks (2) 9:30.
- Christmas with the Stars (4) 10:00.
- Person to Person with Ed Murrow (2) 10:30.
- Steve Allen Show (4) 11:20.
- Yesterday's Newsreels (7) Mid-night.

TV (For Children)

- Ding Dong School (4) 10 a.m.
- Movie: The Little Match Girl—Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale (4) 10:30.
- Andersen fairy tale (4) 10:30.
- Time for Fun (7) noon.
- Herb Sheldon Kids' Variety (4) 12:15.
- Garry Moore—Variety (2) 1:30.
- Linkletter's House Party (2) 2:30.
- The Big Top—Circus. A special holiday circus show (2) 3:00.
- Movie: Alice in Wonderland (2) 4:00.
- Gabby Hayes Show (4) 5:15.
- Howdy Doody (4) 5:30.
- Kartoon Klub (11) 5:30.
- Magic Cottage (5) 6:00.
- Rottie Kazootie (7) 6:00.
- Movie: Bush Christmas (9) 6:00 (Australian).
- Movie: A Boy, A Girl and A Dog (11) 6:00.

RADIO (Christmas Day)

- Flora Robson. Christmas Music From Many Lands. WNYC 2:00.
- A Christmas Carol with Ronald Colman WOR 3 p.m. Symphonette WNBC 7:00 p.m.
- A Christmas Carol with Alec Guinness WABC 8:30.
- Starlight Theatre WOR 8:30.
- Bob Hope Show WNBC 8:30.
- Ozzie and Harriet WABC 9:00.
- Dickens By The Fire—WNYC 8:30.
- Basketball: Knickerbockers—Syracuse WCMG 9:00.
- Christmas with the Stars. Variety. WABC 10:00.
- Frank Edwards, News WOR 10:00.

Radio Music (Christmas Day)

- Music Hall, WHLI 11 a.m.
- Symphony, Noon, WNYC.
- Dvorak's No. 5
- Noon Concert WFUV 12:00.
- Bach Cantata No. 140.
- Handel's Messiah, WQXR 2:05.
- Prokofiev's Classical Symphony, WQXR 8:05.
- Christmas Music, WNYC 9:00.
- Radcliffe & NYU Glee Clubs, WQXR 10:30.
- Chamber Music, WNYC 11:00.
- Cello Concerto in A Minor, WQXR 12:05 a.m.

MOVIES

- Daring Circus Youth and Chuk and Gek, two new Soviet films. Stanley Theatre, 42 St. and Seventh Ave.
- Chaplin's Limelight and Alec Guinness' Kind Hearts and Coronets, 55 St. Playhouse. Today through Sunday.
- Little Fugitive, Normandie, 57th St. and 6th Ave.
- This Is Cinerama. Warner Theatre, 47 St. & Bway. Twice daily. Special mats. Sat. and Sun.
- Julius Caesar. Plaza, 58th & Madison.
- Joe Louis Story. Loew's neighborhood theatres.
- Lili. Translux, 60 St. & Madison.
- Martin Luther. Guild, 50 St. & Rockefeller Plaza.



Gilbert and Sullivan. Bijou, 45 St.

W. of Bway.

Public Enemy No. 1. Holiday, 47

St. & Bway.

The Living Desert (Disney). Sut-

ton, E. 57 St.

Annapurna. Trans-Lux, 60 and

Madison.

• Fan Fan The Tulip (French)

and • Justice Is Done (French),

Thalia, 95th St. & Bway. Today

through Thursday.

• Early Silent Films: Two hour

show at Club Cinema, 430 6th Av.

Sat.-Sun. Dec. 26-27, Two shows:

8:30 and 10:30.

• Annapurna, Translux, 60th &

Madison.

Beneath the 12 Mile Reef, Roxy,

50th & 7th Av.

• Conquest of Everest, Fine

Arts Theatre, 58th St. near Park

Ave.

• Heidi and • White Mane,

Little Carnegie, 57th & 7th Av.

• Beggars Opera (British) Apollo

42nd St. Theatre.

DRAMA

- The Emperor's Clothes by George Tabori. Greenwich Mews Theatre, 141 W. 13 St. Nightly except Mon. and Fri.
- World of Sholom Aleichem. Bar-bizon Plaza, 58 St. and Sixth Ave. Nightly except Mon. Mats. Sat., Sun.
- Kismet. Ziegfeld Theatre, 54 St. and 6th Ave.
- Born Yesterday presented by Negro Drama Group. Opens Christmas nite. President Theatre, 48 St. W. of Broadway. Two weeks only.
- Charley's Aunt. City Center, 55 St. near Seventh Ave.
- Simpleton of the Unexpected. Isles by C. B. Shaw. Davenport Theatre, 27 St. and Lex. Ave. Nightly except Mon.
- Shakespeare's Othello. Jan Hus Auditorium, 351 E. 74 St., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun. evenings.
- Madam Will You Walk by Sidney Phoenix Theatre, Second Ave. and 12 St. Nightly except Mon. Mats. Sat and Sun.
- Comedy in Music. Victor Borg and his piano. Golden Theatre, 45th W. of Bway.
- Princess Ida—Gilbert & Sullivan Operetta, Provincetown Playhouse, 133 MacDougal St. Tonight (Fri) and Sat. eve.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- Heidi & White Mane. Little Carnegie, 57 East of Seventh Ave. Pecos Bill—the coyote cowboy. Carnegie Recital Hall, 154 W. 57. Dec. 26 through Jan. 3. For reservations call CI 7-1350.
- Baber & Peter and the Wolf—Two operas for children. Hunter College Assembly Hall, 69th St. & Park Ave. Dec. 28-29. Phone CI 5-5159. Little Orchestra Society, 35 W. 53.
- Puppet Shows. Bill Cook. Village Dance & Puppet Center, 430 Ave. of Americas. Dec. 26-31. Phone WA 9-0485.
- Red Riding Hood—play performed by young people. Children's Own Theatre, Metropolitan Duane, 201 W. 13 St. Dec. 26-Jan. 2. Phone PL 7-6300.
- Tom Sawyer. Produced by Young People's Theatre, Drama Lab. 115 W. 52 St. Dec. 26-Jan. 3. Phone CO 5-8593.
- Children's Holiday Carnival. Museum of Modern Art, 11 W. 53

HE RECORDED HIS 'CRIME' IN POETRY

The U.S. Government, Wall-Street dominated, plans soon to try several Americans for the crime of "harboring" a fugitive from justice—the hero of World War II, Bob Thompson—lately-captured political refugee from a conviction under the fascist-like Smith Act. Bob Thompson, staunch anti-fascist fighter, now faces seven years in jail, and the men and women charged with "harboring" face similar appalling penalties.

It is worth recalling, therefore, that other Americans, labeled fugitives by the U.S. government, were also, in fact, fighters for freedom, and that thousands of such fugitives were "harbored" by thousands of fearless democrats. In fact, one of the "harborers" recorded his crime in poetry:

The runaway slave came to my house and stopt outside;

I heard his motions crackling

the twigs of the woodpile;

Through the swung half-door of

the kitchen I saw him limpsy and

weak,

And went where he sat on a

log, and led him in and assured

him,

And brought water, and filled

a tub for his sweated body and

bruised feet,

And gave him a room that enter-

ted from my own, and gave him

some coarse clean clothes,

And remember perfectly well

his revolving eyes and his awk-

wardness,

And remember putting plasters

on the balls of his neck and ankles;

He staid with me a week be-

fore he was recuperated and

passed north;

(I had him sit next to me at

table—my fire-lock lean'd in the

corner.)

Senator McCarran should not

seek to confine this poet in Ellis

Island, nor should Senator Mc-

Carthy subpoena him. Walt Whit-

man is dead, gentlemen — but

not, not, his poetry.

Herbert Aptheker.

St. Reservations: CI 5-8900. Thru

Jan. 17.

Christmas Festival, Carl Fischer

Concert Hall, 165 W. 57 St. Sat-

Sun. Dec. 26-27. Call PL 3-0746.

• Dance Plays For Children.

Henry St. Playhouse, 466 Grand

St. Call OR 4-1100.

Green Sleeves—fairy tale, Kauf-

man Auditorium, YMHA, Lex. Av.

and 92 St. Sun-Thurs. Dec. 27-31.

Call TR 6-2221.

• Junior Theatre—Classic Plays

for Children.

Carnegie Recital Hall, 154 W.

57. Dec. 26-30. Call CI 6-0224.

ART SHOWS

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E. 57 St.

Exhibition of over 100 paintings

by French painter Leger, Mu-

seum of Modern Art, 11 W. 53

St.

Graphic Art of Picasso and Toul-

ous-Lautrec. Saidenberg Gal-

lery, 10 E. 77 St.

Whitney Museum Group Show,

8th St. at 5th Ave.

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Janis Gallery, 15 E. 57. Through

Jan. 2.

Modern French and American

Paintings. Peris Galleries, 32 E.

58 St.

on the scoreboard

by lester rodney

Now It's an 'All Graceful'!

THIS IS THE time of the year for "All" teams of all kinds. All this, all that, all the other. Well, watching a pro basketball game last week and observing that Mel Hutchins of the Fort Wayne Pistons was a particularly graceful player, your scribe and another one next to him in the press box decided to jot down the names of the ten prominent athletes we considered most graceful.

We each did our own list, found they matched on six, and after some cross-convincing wound up with reasonable agreement on the following ten, which you might call the "All-Graceful." Oh, I should mention that we restricted it to athletes of the postwar period, since to go further back opened up too vast and undefined a field of possibilities, with the memory not possibly encompassing all the worthy candidates in twenty minutes between halves of a basketball game. (Besides, I'm older than the other writer involved.)

There was Hutchins himself. The former Brigham Young star is a light footed, creamily smooth 6-5 who seems to do everything in a flow of continuous motion without muscular strain, whether it be passing, running, lofting a delicate one handed short or feathering his way under for a leaping tip-in.

The other nine, not attempting an order of gracefulness—

Joe DiMaggio, the ballet dancer of center field who put meaning into the old cliché "he makes the hard ones look easy." Joe was also smooth and graceful at bat and loping around the bases. (We considered all phases of the particular game involved. For example, Billy Cox, a peerlessly graceful infielder, is out because he lunges at bat.)

Marty Marion, the ex-Card shortstop often called "The Octopus" by opponents because of the easy and thorough way he covered ground and got the throw away in the same relaxed but deadly motion.

RAY ROBINSON, the incomparable picture of dancing grace in the ring. What made him the greatest of them all pound for pound (surely there is no argument?) was the combination of the tip toe speed and style of the master boxer and the blindingly fast punching power from either hand. His defensive maneuvers were a thing of beauty, though you can't really separate Ray Robinson's defense from his offense. He is the only boxer to make our "All Graceful."

Basketball lned itself to grace. Our next is Sherman White, the fluid 6-7 LIU star who maneuvered like a small man. I still want to see a better college basketball player than White, or a better pro prospect. And it's about time he got the chance.

Track and field comes into the picture with Harrison Dillard, who never seems to be straining as he flows over the hurdles and yet hits that tape ahead of more powerfully careening opponents. Form of course is all important for a great hurdler, who must skim the timbers by a whisker for maximum speed while avoiding hitting them, and whose inbetween strides must never vary. The athletes of other countries must have learned plenty watching the amazing athlete from Cleveland's Baldwin-Wallace.

Dillard, lest we forget in stressing his specialty, is the one who missed out on the hurdles for the 1948 team, made the boat as a sprinter and won the event at London. The phony jimmer Sullivan Award Committee wasn't so graceful in leaving Dillard off the list.

Tennis breaks in here with Frank Sedgman, though my co-lister never really agreed on him. The Australian was a deceptive court coverer and did everything, even the smash, the easy way. (Something like me, if you overlook the serve—and maybe the backhand—and forehand). Along about now Australia, uneasy about the prospects of their 19 year old prodigies beating our Trabert and Seixas, would dearly love to "de-pro" Mr. Sedgman and throw him into the breach.

A pitcher—southpaw Hal Newhouser of the Tigers, makes the list. Ever so graceful.

Perhaps a surprise candidate is the Dodgers' Duke Snider, whom you think of primarily as a power hitter. But the Duke is actually the closest thing to DiMaggio going in the line of smooth and natural fielding, throwing and swinging of the bat. He even strikes out beautifully. (Best outfielder in baseball, by the way!).

Number ten—one more tall basketballer. Easy Ed Macauley of the Celtics. You have to agree with the nickname.

THE LIST winds up with 4 baseballers, 3 basketballers, and one each for track, boxing and tennis. It is probably highly controversial, since it is undoubtedly the first of its kind (and no doubt the last). There must be graceful athletes in the minor sports like swimming. Football doesn't seem to lend itself. Except for possibly a pass catching end it is hard to think of anyone in this jarring game as graceful.

Candidates who were jotted down and might be called a "second team" include Bobby Thomson of the Giants, who unfortunately is more graceful than consistent, Tom Cole of La Salle, Mal Whitfield, Stan Musial.

Thinking inevitably of the opposite extreme, the least graceful great athlete we would name for the period start with Jackie Robinson, who lunges at bat, pushes his throw afield, and sways from side to side as he runs in pigeon-toed fashion. But how'd you like to have a team full of Jackie Robinsons?

Then, from pictures of him in action, we'd name Emil Zatopek, who just happens to be the greatest distance runner of all time, and en route right now to Brazil, by the way, for the New Years cross country race there. Our own fine distance runner Greg Rice belongs in the category, and we could also think of Segura in tennis, Marciano in the ring, and Zawoluk in basketball, for our "least graceful."

Without attempting even a real mental survey, graceful athletes of the earlier periods who come to mind are Tris Speaker, Bill Terry, Hank Luisetti, Bill Dickey, Jim Bottomley, Charley Gehringer, Bob Muesel, Benny Leonard. . . .

And So It Will . . .

MERRY CHRISTMAS to all, and thanks for the many holiday cards. There are too many to mention, but the one from Theresa and Andy Onda and family is really wonderful. Prettily crayoned in by Andy Jr. and Johnny is the legend:

PEACE

ON EARTH

WILL

TRIUMPH!

This Magnavox Plant Didn't Run Away To the South Just for the Magnolias

By ERWIN FROST
By Federated Press

GREENVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 24 (FP)—The dollars-and-cents reasons why industry is moving south on a grand scale can be seen in the stories of two plants owned by the Magnavox Co., manufacturers of radios, phonographs and television sets.

One plant is at Fort Wayne, Ind. It has a strong union, the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers, and the pay and working conditions are rated tops in the radio industry. The other plant is a runaway operation set up here by the company some four years ago. It is an open shop, the company having licked efforts by UE and the CIO Union of Electrical Radio & Machine Workers to win elections.

Here in Greenville the workers receive an average of 76 cents an hour less than the Fort Wayne Magnavox workers. In the Indiana plant overtime is divided equally among all the workers. Overtime pay begins after eight hours each day and double time is paid after 12 hours each day.

In the southern plant overtime is given to a favored few and premium pay begins after 40 hours of work.

In Fort Wayne seniority guarantees cover nine full pages of the written agreement between UE and management. The Greenville workers have no seniority protection at all.

Spraying of lacquer is part of Magnavox work. If there are no vents or fans to clear the air, this operation is a serious health haz-

ard. At Fort Wayne the union contract requires use of fans and vents. At Greenville management makes no provision to safeguard the health of its employees.

About 850 women are employed at the plant here. Not only do they get less pay for doing the same work as men, but their work is speeded up until some collapse on the job from exhaustion.

One report has it that a foreman, Jack Lamb, drove his women workers to fainting spells because he was eager to collect a \$20 bet that his crew could turn out the most work. The union contract at Fort Wayne requires equal pay for women.

The speedup here is so great that workers are not even allowed time to go to the toilet. In contrast to Fort Wayne, where the

contract prevents the company from requiring more work than agreed upon, there is no limit here to company demands for more production. In one recent period, instead of producing 600 TV sets the company pushed through 1,000 sets.

Magnavox in Tennessee is a lily-white outfit. Negroes are not employed on the main production jobs. This policy of playing off white against Negroes divides workers and makes a union hard to build and maintain. UE at Fort Wayne Magnavox understood this and fought hard to win its written contract guarantee of equal pay for all, regardless of color or sex. This unity has paid off in a strong union and good contract. The division in Tennessee has made white as well as Negro poor.

Unions Pledge Aid to Woodworkers' Strike

By WILL PARRY

ENUMCLAW, Wash., Dec. 24.—The spirit that fourteen years ago forced the arrogant Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. to sign its first union agreement found fresh expression here at a conference called to rally support for striking woodworkers.

Delegate after delegate at Danish hall from a score of Western Washington local unions pledged aid to striking members of CIO International Woodworkers Local 23-157.

The strikers, many of whom pioneered in negotiating the first contract with Weyerhaeuser in 1939, have been on strike since Nov. 21 defending their seniority and job rights.

The conference was called by Local 23-157 to ask for advice and support. Representatives—both of 11 IWA locals and three district councils responded with pledges to carry the strike story to their memberships.

All expressed confidence that support would be forthcoming.

Vice-president Brighton Irwin of IWA Western Washington Dist. 23 said the district's \$23,000 strike fund will be available to the Enumclaw mill workers but that it "won't be enough."

"We've all got to raise funds and gather produce from the farmers," Irwin said.

The strike issue at Enumclaw, Irwin added, reflects an employer drive "to get rid of older workers."

A rank and file Seattle AFL machinist urged the strike committee to "contact every AFL local, it's our strike, too."

From Tacoma, Smeltermen's Local 25, another rank and filer said his union had supported last summer's strike of IWA Local 23-9 against St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Co., and "I'm sure we'll help financially and every other way."

Speakers warned Weyerhaeuser may attempt to keep up production at its White River branch by putting on a new shift at one of its other mills.

Les Garrison, secretary of the Boommen's & Rafter's district council, suggested strike leader explore the legality of roving picket lines on other Weyerhaeuser operations.

He said the boommen have con-

tracts with four Weyerhaeuser operations. "All you need is a shadow down there and they'll be down," he pledged.

"Meetings like this one are long overdue," Gordon Johnson of the IWA Plywood district council said. "We're going to face similar problems in plywood."

Glenn Kepple, business agent of the Seattle Plywood local, said U. S. Plywood has also launched a drive to get rid of older workers. "We're going to find a lot of workers who've given their lives to the corporations turned out without a nickel," he warned.

Secretary Walter Belka of District 23 termed the recent strikes in IWA operations "an employer conditioning program for spring negotiations."

He cited the cut in 4,500 jobs in Washington State alone this year in lumber. At the same time, he added, production was as high as ever.

Business agent Antone Johnson of Vail Local 23-191 predicted that "we're next in line. The company is getting harder to deal with. They've got bosses doing repair work during shutdowns that should belong to the men," Johnson said his local had voted to send \$100 immediately. He proposed truckloads of food be organized.

Others who pledged support were delegates or observers from IWA locals in Bellingham, Olympia, Tacoma, Sultan, Cathlamet, Sedro-Woolley and Port Angeles. Observers from the Tacoma AFL Boilermakers and from independent Warehousemen's Local 9 in Seattle also spoke.

Movies Lend Hearst a Hand

LOS ANGELES.—Two minor producers gave notice this week that they intend to produce pictures furthering commercial press slanders of Mexican youth here.

Earle Lyon, president of Enterprise Cinema Productions, and William F. Broidy, independent producer, said they would make stories aimed at what the Hearst press calls "rat packs."

Lyon registered an "original story" entitled "Rat Packs." And Broidy said his production would be released under the title of "Wolf Pack."

Pentagon Seeks Power to Screen All Factories

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (FP).—Robert L. Applegate, Defense Department director of industrial security has opened a campaign to give the Pentagon screening power over all workers in plants and installations which "would become indispensable in time of war."

Applegate made it clear his definition of wartime indispensability includes nearly every form of industrial activity. His plan would subject miners, autoworkers, steelworkers, machinists and countless other workers to the same screening and arbitrary removal from jobs now imposed on maritime workers by the Coast Guard.

Applegate noted with approval the recent announcement by General Electric Co. that it will fire any employee who is a Communist or who refuses to answer Congressional committee questions. He joined with GE in demanding that the government enact laws which would allow the Pentagon or some other federal authority to "help" private industry fire alleged "security risks."

On Capitol Hill, Applegate's statement was regarded as the opening of a drive to pass either the Goldwater-Rhodes bill or Butler bill or some legislation giving the military outright power to fire any worker in an industry which might be deemed vital in war.

The Goldwater-Rhodes bill would set up the Subversive Activities Control Board as final authority over unions and labor leaders and advisers and would ban any union which does not meet the board's approval.

Another approach being considered by GOP congressmen is the military screening system.

Applegate complained that his

Studebaker Sued By 15 Fired for Not Buying Its Cars

SOUTH BEND, Dec. 24.—The Studebaker Corp. claimed before the NLRB justification for firing 15 workers who drove other than the company's cars, on the ground that the firm's "loyal employees" refused to work with them.

The National Labor Relations Board is hearing the complaints of the workers dismissed last summer.

Harold S. Vance, president of Studebaker, said that "the men refused to work with employees who bought other cars." He claimed it was a question of either "closing the plant or asking the employees to turn in their badges until differences with their fellow workers could be cleared up."

The complaint named both the company and Local 5, CIO United Auto Workers, for discrimination because of this alleged "disloyalty" to the company.

Industrial security division now has power only to investigate and withhold clearance of persons working directly on classified material. It lacks authority, he said, over workers in plants now engaged in civilian production, but which would turn to work in case of open hostilities. He said it also lacks authority to screen workers in plants doing defense work unless the workers are directly involved in production of classified goods.

"I'm personally very much in favor of a program which would exclude all subversives and other poor security risks from all plants which sometime might do war work," Applegate said.

Pending passage of new legislation, he expressed hope other firms would follow the lead of GE.

NEW DOUBLE FEATURE PROGRAM!
"DARING" "Chuk"
CIRCUS "YOUTH"
"Gek"
IN SOVOLOR
STANLEY 7th Ave. bet 424 & 425

Cuban National United Front Party Organized

HAVANA, Dec. 24 (Prensa Continental).—A new political party has been formed in Cuba under the name of National United Front Party and with a democratic and anti-imperialist platform.

As a preliminary step to qualify for the coming elections the party requested its registration by the Supreme Electoral Board of Cuba presenting 8,700 signatures of electors as required by the new electoral laws decreed by General Batista.

To obtain a definite registration and be able to participate in the elections, the new party must enroll some 100,000 members in a drive to start next February.

The application for preliminary registration was made last Nov. 26 by a committee of 105 citizens headed by Pablo Abreu, who is chairman of the sponsoring committee.

In the application the party was described as a progressive democratic party based in the principles to the struggle for national independence, peace, democracy and the raising of the living standards of the workers and peasants.

The program also includes demands for agrarian reform; nationalization of Cuban resources, starting with public utilities now operated by foreign companies. On international relations it seeks the establishment of diplomatic and commercial relations with the USSR, China and the People's Democracies and the breaking of all relations with Franco.

The party has been formed so far of rank and file members of the Orthodox and Autentico parties as well as from independents mainly among the workers and intellectuals.

See the Dec. 29 Issue of The Worker for an Exciting Announcement

What's On?

Tonight Manhattan

CLUB CINEMA presents The Movies and How They Grew. A Christmas gatland of old-time favorites including Mary Pickford, Lionel Barrymore, John Bunny, Gloria Swanson, Fatty Arbuckle, etc., in early one-reelers of slapstick and sentiment, 3 showings 8:30 and 10 p.m. on Sat. and Sun., 430 Sixth Ave. (cor. 9th St.). \$1 for members, \$1.25 for non-members. No showing Fr., Dec. 23.

Tomorrow Manhattan

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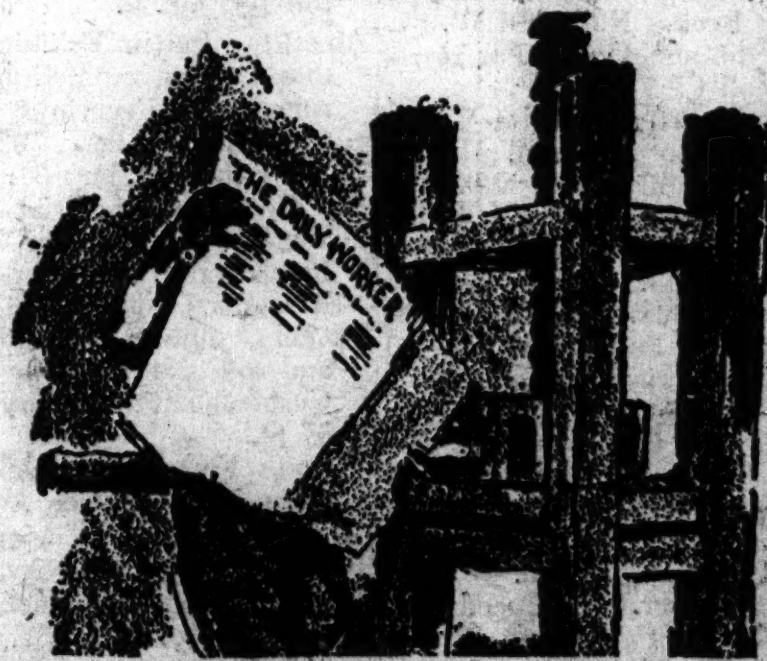
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Sunday Brooklyn

MORRIS U. SCHAPPEL, educator and lecturer will speak on Sun., Dec. 27 at 8:30 p.m. on "Israel and the United Nations" at Brighton Comm. Center, 3200 Coney Isl. Ave.

The BUSINESS and EDITORIAL office of the DAILY WORKER will be closed Today and Tomorrow, Dec. 25 and 26, Best wishes for a joyous holiday season to all our readers.



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